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SUBJ: LEGISLATIVE ACTION BEARING ON THE TREATY OF EXECUTION
OF PENAL SENTENCES

1. BOTH EXCELSIOR AND THE NEWS OF DECEMBER 26 CARRY NEWS STORIES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MEXICAN SENATE HAS APPROVED THE TREATY ON EXECUTION OF PENAL SENTENCES SIGNED IN MEXICO CITY ON NOV 25. THESE TWO REPORTS APPEAR TO BE INCORRECT VERSIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO BEST INFORMATION THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM SOURCE IN THE MEXICAN SENATE, THAT BODY ON DECEMBER 23 DECLARED THAT, SINCE 28 OF THE MEXICAN STATES HAD APPROVED A CONSTITUTIINAL AMENDMENT TO ADD A FIFTH PARAGRAPH TO ARTICLE 18 OF THE CONSTITUTION, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WAS CONSIDERED AS RATIFIED. THE SENATE DECLARATION THAT THE STATES HAVE RATIFIED THE AMENDMENT MUST ITSELF BE APPROVED BY THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, AND IS BEING RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER FOR ITS CONFIRMING ACTION. (OUR SENATE SOURCE CONFIRMS THAT FURTHER CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES APPROVAL IS IN FACT REQUIRED.)

3. THUS, THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS NOT RPT NOT APPROVAL
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BY THE SENATE OF THE TEXT OF THE TREATY, AS BOTH EXCELSIOR AND THE NEWS SEEM TO STATE. IT IS RATHER THE PENULTIMATE STEP IN THE PROCESS OF AMENDING MEXICO'S CONSTITUTION TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR SENATE ACTION AT A LATER DATE ON THE TEXT OF THE TREATY. WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT, WHICH MAKES IT LEGAL FOR MEXICAN PRISONERS

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SERVING PRISON SENTENCES OUTSIDE MEXICO TO BE RETURNED
TO MEXICO TO SERVE SUCH SENTENCES, ANY ACTION ON THE TREATY
WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONSTITUTIONAL.
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